

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 909

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Sorority, Incorporated, upon the celebration of their 93rd Founders Day Observance.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those estimable organizations that are celebrating milestones in their history; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group is the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, which will be celebrating its 93rd Founders' Day Observance on March 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University on January 13, 1913, with the express purpose of using their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need; and

WHEREAS, incorporated in 1930, Delta Sigma Theta has always lived by the edict "One Mission, One Sisterhood: Empowering Communities through Committed Service"; and

WHEREAS, on this estimable occasion, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority President, Dr. Louise A. Rice, will be the guest speaker to celebrate and commemorate the Memphis Alumnae Chapter's significant contribution to the history of this laudable sorority; and

WHEREAS, the 23rd President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Dr. Rice has tirelessly worked to promote the principles and mission of this excellent community of women; and

WHEREAS, before rising to the position of President, she served Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as First Vice President for two terms, Chair of the Scholarship and Standards Committee, National Executive Board National Secretary, Director of the Southern Region, the sorority's largest region, and Chair of the Leaders Academy, a leadership development initiative; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rice has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for forty years, teaching both at the secondary and university level; she received her doctorate of philosophy degree in Reading Education from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, sustained by the bonds of sisterhood, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has set forth many traditions, programs, and initiatives that embody and enhance its beliefs and values; and

WHEREAS, the chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority have made significant contributions to the progress and growth of the State of Tennessee and America, and the Memphis Alumnae Chapter has dutifully served the good people of the Memphis community, working for social justice and helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to honor and commend the past and present members of the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for their estimable service to the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Sorority, Incorporated, for their meritorious service to the citizens of Memphis and the State of Tennessee, congratulate them upon the celebration of their 93rd Founders' Day Observance, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.